GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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SURVEY ON EFFECTS OF POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any survey has been conducted in different areas of Delhi where polluting industrial units are operating to assess the effect of poisonous gases on the health of residents in the vicinity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the conclusions revealed therefrom;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to undertake such surveys to safeguard and protect the health of residents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the safety measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a), b), (c) & (d) A survey has been conducted in different areas of Delhi including industrial areas to asses the effect of pollution on the health of residents. The survey indicates that pollution from industries is one of the causes of adverse health effects particularly respiratory diseases.

(e) The steps taken to control pollution include the following: -

(i) Action Plan to control pollution in Delhi has been prepared and is being implemented.

(ii) A comprehensive Policy for Abatement of Pollution that lays stress on both the control and preventive aspects of pollution has been formulated.

(iii) A network of 290 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations has been set up throughout the country.

(iv) Emission standards for industries have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to check pollution.

(v) Industries are also required to install necessary pollution control equipments before commissioning of their plants.

(vi) Industries are required to take consent from the respective State Pollution Control Board under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

(vii) A number of hazardous industries have been identified. Some of these industries have either been closed or relocated.